

The Vermont Phoenix.

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HOME NEWS.

Meteorological Record.
WEEK ENDING THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 10, 1891.

Date	Barometer	Thermometer	Wind	Direction	Velocity	Humidity	Clouds	Remarks
Dec. 10	30.07	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
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Announcements.

Don't forget our special sale of Holiday goods now open. A great variety of useful and fancy goods.

Mr. Wales will begin a new class of young ladies, commencing on Monday, December 12, at 10:30 A. M. It is desired that all present the first lesson.

Will give you good bargain in fancy enameled and iron household articles, also elegant China and glassware, at 25 cents each.

A large variety of Calendars at Clapp & Jones's. The best to be had in town at 25 cents each.

Good solid oak cases at Betting Bros.

Beautiful pictures, new mountings in latest styles and at Clapp & Jones's.

Have books and stationery. Have your name stamped on them. W. F. Goodard will do it for you at his Bookbinding in Harmony Block.

Leave your laundry at Knapp's for the best work.

The "Penny" Photograph Albums are the best. Clapp & Jones have them.

Buy Picture Frames of Goldie's.

Calendars, booklets and cards displayed at Clapp & Jones's Saturday.

Don't forget our special sale of underwear, hosiery and gloves, also a good assortment of hats and coats at 25 cents each.

Wanted—300 men to smoke the celebrated Chronicle cigar.

New California raisins, 8 cents per lb. Pure salt pork, 10 cents per lb. Sugar cured hams at 12 cents a lb. Special prices on our new line of Cigarettes.

The healthy substitute for lard. Everybody pleased with it. A trial will convince all of its merits.

Visit our special Handkerchief sale. Silk, Embroidered, Linen, Initial and Fancy Handkerchiefs.

Centennial edition of Old Farmer's Almanac at Clapp & Jones's.

We wish to announce to Xmas shoppers that if we cannot please them with any goods we may have in stock in diamonds, watches, or fine jewelry, we shall be pleased to procure an assortment of anything they wish to see at very short notice, from the largest wholesale house in New York city.

RANDOLPH & THOMPSON.

Diaries, 1892. Clapp & Jones.

Last Photograph offer of the Art Photograph company on Flat street. Will end Dec. 26. On that day we shall return to the old price. A large, magnificent frame, half outside, of superb design, in steel bronze, with your picture mounted in it and 12 cabinet for only \$2. Here a chance of a lifetime. Come quickly or you will lose your last chance to get fine pictures at a low price.

Wanted—A second-hand safe. Kidder & Edwards, Newfane, Vt.

Millinery.

Mrs. L. A. Stratton of New York and Springfield will be at the Brooks House next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 15 and 16, with an elegant line of French pattern hats, and wishes to call the attention of our ladies to her goods, which are offered at a great reduction on the usual price of such patterns, to introduce her business here.

Mrs. Stratton makes a specialty of designs to match costumes, and has a choice variety of church and evening hats, toques, etc. We can promise our ladies ample reward for an honest word with Mrs. Stratton, who is one of the leading milliners of the day.

The Brooks House Pack and Coupe Line.

Is now under one management and is prepared to carry passengers to and from all trains and to all parts of the village. Orders may be given by telephone to the Brooks House, coupe stand on Main street, or at the Brooks House stables. All baggage carried free. We shall strive by prompt and courteous service to merit the public patronage.

H. O. Coulton.

We Were Mad.

(At the Phoenix) when we found customers coming long after the "odds and ends" were gone and our advertisement said that we had no more Christmas goods enough to supply all, any of such tasteful variety and prices as will please. Can't describe them. Call in.

VAN DOORN & MORRIS.

BRATTLEBORO.

A. Starkey as assignee has sold the Reed lumber yard business to Holden & Martin for about \$5500.

The first of a series of six dances will be given by the Order of the Eastern Star at Masonic hall Thursday evening.

H. M. Adams of the Brattleboro Livery company has had his house in Marlboro connected with the telephone exchange.

The women of the Industrial Union will give a 5 o'clock concert on Monday afternoon, December 21.

The stage route between Brattleboro and Wilmington has been sold to Smith & Titus of Wilmington, who took possession on Monday.

Four carloads of spruce trees, to be shipped to the cities for Christmas use, were brought down on the narrow gauge train Wednesday.

The ladies of the Universalist society have engaged the town hall for the evenings of January 27 and 28, when their annual fair will be held.

Mr. Barrett of South Framingham, Mass., was in town yesterday and bought 20 pairs of W. F. Richardson & Co., to be shipped to Billerica, Mass.

There is a general agreement among the business firms selling holiday goods to keep their stores open every evening until after Christmas.

The pupils of Miss Sawyer's school are to have a goosey match at Harmon hall Monday evening. The pupils will be dressed to represent different countries and a prize will be given to the one answering the largest number of questions.

The ladies' aid society held a meeting at Grand Army hall on Monday evening, when officers were nominated. During the evening Capt. H. C. Streeter gave an interesting talk on war life with a cavalry company.

The St. Andrews brotherhood of the Episcopal church are to publish a paper, to be known as the Parish Record, and devoted to the parish work. It will be issued six times in the year and Commander Brown will be the editor.

A meeting of the creditors of Ross White was held on Tuesday, when 73 claims were presented, and A. Starkey was chosen assignee.

It is expected that the next meeting of the Vermont Life Underwriters' association will be held in Brattleboro in February.

A special meeting of the members of Friendship circle is called at Mrs. A. H. Combs's, of Main street, Wednesday evening, Dec. 10. Business, election of officers.

Our West Dover correspondent tells today about the prospective reopening of an iron mine at that place. Who says Windham county hasn't a variety of natural resources?

The Green street book club's annual sale was held at Mr. Vinton's on Monday evening. A supper was served and a social time with cards was enjoyed. There was a large attendance.

The next meeting of Windham County Farmers' union will be held with Fred Rogers at 7 o'clock on Thursday. Officers will be elected at that time and other important business transacted, and there will be a short program of exercises.

To-morrow is the date of C. P. Gilson's large auction, when 25 horses, 50 sleighs, 1000 lbs. of lumber, a quantity of \$200 worth of whips, robes, etc., will be struck off to the highest bidder at the Elliot street stables.

Real estate exchanges at Bailey & Co.'s office this week are as follows: A house and lot in Fitchburg, owned by F. J. Bailey, was sold to L. S. Woodcock for \$10,000. The Stowell farm was exchanged with D. Bailey for the Cotton Mather farm in West Brattleboro.

The Sawtelle Comely company have presented different plays to large and delighted audiences at the town hall every evening this week. The play "The Conqueror" will be given to-morrow evening. On Wednesday evening a parlor set was given away, William Miller being the lucky man.

J. H. Henry and his son, E. S. Henry, have been moving their household goods from West Brattleboro to a place on the road between West Brattleboro and Fitchburg, where Mr. J. H. Henry recently bought. Mr. Henry and Mr. Henry are to take possession of the Hunter shop on Flat street next Tuesday.

The following officers of the People's Five year Benefit Order were chosen at a meeting held at Red Men's hall Wednesday evening: Commander, A. L. Williams; vice commander, C. E. White; secretary, George C. Smith; treasurer, W. C. Horton; prelate, Miss Susan Houghton; marshal, F. B. Walker; guard, Mrs. Minnie Bliss; outside sentinel, George Bliss.

The missionary sale of the Junior Epworth league on Wednesday evening at Mr. C. E. Westgate's was a pleasant, fair, and quite successful. The fruit, flowers, candy and fancy work tables were in charge of members of the league, and an entertainment of tableaux was given by the children. The receipts, some \$12, will be used for the purchase of books.

Brattleboro friends have received news of the death in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, of Mrs. Amos G. Woolley. Mrs. Woolley will be remembered here as Miss Clara French. She was a sister of Rev. Mrs. E. W. Whitney, and spent some time here in the summer of 1889.

The annual meeting of the Southern Aqueduct association was held at the office of W. S. Newton Monday evening, when the following officers were chosen: President, H. B. Lawrence; directors, Jonathan C. Howe, B. A. Burnham; clerk and treasurer, William S. Newton; auditor, B. A. Burnham. It was voted to repair the reservoir and water houses and to raise 50 cents a share to pay for this work, the money to be payable July 1st.

Great chief of records, J. Peter Gardner, great senior saganore, Joel G. Tyler, and great junior saganore, Augustus P. Calder, representatives from the great council of Massachusetts, will visit Quoniacat tribe this evening.

The degree of adoption will be exemplified, followed by short talks, corn, venison and rabbit. Braves from the hunting grounds of Rutland, Bennington and Bellows Falls will be present.

Austin Hill, who is employed as a farm hand by Henry Clark, fell from a loft to the floor on Monday while feeding stock. A deep gash was cut in his head and his back was severely injured. He was unconscious for some time, and on recovering crawled to the house. He is improving rapidly and his injuries are not considered serious. He is a man from 45 to 50 years old and has a wife and three children.

Miss Mattie Stearns was called to Worcester, Mass., last week to attend the funeral of a little nephew, which took place on Wednesday. On the following day her mother, Mrs. Sarah Brown, died, after the illness of only two days from grip. Mrs. Brown was for several years a resident of Brattleboro, living with her son, John Stearns, whose sad death by accident is well known to the community.

The funeral of Mrs. Brown will be held on Monday, December 15, at 10 o'clock, at the residence of her son, John Stearns, 100 Main street. The burial will be in the Prospect Hill cemetery.

The annual meeting of the Soldiers' Relief corps was held last evening at Grand Army hall and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: Mrs. Mary L. Stone, president; Mrs. Alice G. Weeks, senior vice president; Mrs. Mattie Pratt, junior vice president; Mrs. Emily Allen, treasurer; Mrs. Leonard W. Howe, chaplain; Mrs. Gertrude M. Jones, collector; Mrs. Sarah Y. Goodnow, guard; Mrs. Bangs, Mrs. Weeks and Mrs. Allerton delegates to department convention; Mrs. Hubbard, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Gibson alternates.

The body of Charles Yeaw, formerly of Brattleboro, was brought here for burial Monday, from Colrain, Mass., where he died the Thursday previous from quick consumption. An attack of the grip last spring was the first cause of his disease. About 10 weeks ago he went to Boston for medical advice, but could get no help, and the disease rapidly developed, causing his death as stated above. Funeral services were held at Colrain on Sunday, and on Monday, after prayer at the Methodist church, the remains were buried in the cemetery here. Mr. Yeaw removed to Colrain about three years ago, being employed in a mill there. He leaves a wife and two children and one sister, Mrs. H. W. Floyd of Winthrop, Mass.

A fellowship meeting held in the old church on the hill in the Unionist Centre, on Tuesday, was made interesting by the presence of Rev. Mr. Day of Brattleboro, accompanied by 11 of his parishioners, who drove up for the occasion. The topic of the conference meetings, held afternoon and evening, was prayer, consisting, as a private devotion and as a social exercise. After the adjournment of the afternoon meeting at 4 o'clock the friends gathered at Wm. O. Miller's, where they were greatly interested in looking over the farm recently bought by E. H. Miller, the well-known singer, and the fine stock of thoroughbred cows and sheep which he has placed upon it. This pleasant day performed they returned to the house where the hospitable mother of the family had spread a generous lunch, supplementing that brought by the visitors, and a delightful hour was spent.

Sixty people attended the supper which was given by Friendship circle at Old Fellows hall Wednesday evening.

Brattleboro High school class of '93 held a class meeting this evening at the home of Miss Rosa Hall.

The Vermont Savings bank has declared its semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, payable January 1st.

It is expected that the annual meeting of the officers' school of the Vermont national guard will be held at Brandon in February.

Commissioner H. H. McIntyre of West Randolph will explain the government sugar bounty matter to the farmers at the dairyman's meeting to be held in Brattleboro in January.

Amasa Grant, who formerly worked in Emerson & Son's store here, but who has lately had charge of the Wilmington branch store, has bought himself a new house at Wilmington. Times says: "Mr. Grant has made many friends during the six months he has been here and by fair dealing and reasonable prices has built up a good trade."

The Fortnightly club will meet next Thursday evening at Mr. Geo. C. Averill's at 8 o'clock. The papers to be read will be upon Paris. Each member is expected to bring some fact about Paris, past or present, written upon a slip of paper. The ships will be placed in a basket and then drawn out in order of merit. A good deal of miscellaneous as well as entertaining information is anticipated.

There was a large attendance at the Unitarian society on Tuesday evening. The main feature of interest was the old-fashioned spelling match, which followed the singing. Mrs. M. G. Burnham, Mrs. Ryder, "Misses" and Col. M. M. acted as school master. The "missing" and "calling over" continued until no one remained on Mrs. Ryder's side, and then the "spelling down" began. Mrs. Draper being the victor of the evening.

Julius Moore of West Stockbridge, Mass., who formerly taught at the late James Fisk, met death in a peculiar way last Sunday. In dropping a rope into a well to measure the depth of the water he lost his balance and fell into the well, where he was killed. His body was recovered and taken to the home of Mr. Moore, where it has been the proprietor of a hotel for several years.

The St. Johnsbury Republican says: "Apropos of the proposed canal project, Mr. E. L. Parker, the proprietor of the opera house, offers to contribute to the company \$2,000 and to pay for \$10,000 in stock, \$2,000 on mortgage and \$10,000 in the company's stock. The opera house cost about \$10,000 and is assessed for \$4,000; and from every point of view Mr. E. L. Parker's proposition is exceedingly liberal. The opera house at St. Johnsbury was built by Brattleboro men for a skating rink, and later fitted up with a stage and scenery."

The Pilgrim Fathers had a delightful time at their social at Grand Army hall Tuesday night. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of songs by E. L. Parker, vocal solos by Mrs. Turner and Miss Foster, instrumental duets by Messrs. Reynolds and Jones, a reading by Mrs. Elmer and a recitation by little Marion Baker. Refreshments were served, and the evening was closed with a song by the choir. A company of about 150 were present.

The Kirnass at Orange, Mass., on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings was a splendid success. Large crowds were in attendance and Mr. Wales's class carried off the honors. The pupils who were to Orange to take part in the dances were: Mr. E. L. Parker, Allen Leonard, Mabel McDonald, Kate McDonald, Isabel Holmes, Annie Cain, Sophie Wilson, Annie Wilson, Will Cain, Louis Ahrens, Patsy Higgins, Harry Wales, Elson Burnham, Louis Pettes, George Miller, and George M. Clay.

The children of the Congregational society will hold their annual fair next Wednesday evening at the chapel. Their sale will begin at 6 o'clock, and at 7 o'clock an entertainment will be given by the children, after which Rev. Antonia Arrighi will tell the children about the fair. Boys and girls in New York. The proceeds of the fair will be sent as a Christmas present to the Italian mission at Five Points, New York city, of which Mr. Arrighi is the head. Come and help the children.

Charles B. Plaisted, for several years the well-known traveling salesman for Leonard & Ross, died very suddenly on Wednesday afternoon at Dr. Clark's Lake View retreat at Burlington, where he was taken about two weeks ago. The immediate cause of death was apoplexy. He was ill for six weeks at Rutland before being taken to Burlington. Mr. Plaisted was a member of the Kingsley Guard and of the Killington commandery of Knights Templar at Rutland. He will be buried with Masonic honors at that place.

The Boston report of Wednesday evening says: A very large and interesting concert of the Estey Organ company from Mrs. S. Beland, conductor of the Minnie Hawk Grand Opera company, now playing at the Boston theater, will be held at the Brattleboro Lyceum on Wednesday evening. The program will be a very attractive one. Among other things Conductor Beland says: "Your organs were used at our performances in Washington and Baltimore, and gave great satisfaction and delight; the tone is wonderfully rich and full, giving ample power for all our purposes."

Frank E. Reed, formerly proprietor of the American House, now proprietor of the Sherburne Falls House, and Liverman Joslyn and Sheriff Swan of that place, were called to Albany, N. Y., one day last week to testify in the trial of John J. Collins (with several aliases) who about two years ago victimized Farmer Voice of Sherburne out of \$1000. Mr. Reed and Mr. Joslyn recognized the man as the one who stopped at the hotel in Sherburne Falls and who suggested a trial in New York. Collins was paid in the Sherburne Falls trial. Thomas O'Brien, O'Brien, who worked the gold brick game in Rutland, swindled James Peck of Albany, N. Y., out of \$10,000, was arrested, forfeited his bail of \$2000 and fled to London, where he was arrested last week and is now awaiting the arrival of extradition papers. It is expected that Collins will be brought to Massachusetts after he has served out his term in New York.

The annual meeting of the Brattleboro East society was held at the chapel Wednesday evening. The trustees reported that the property was all in good condition, and that they had received the bequest of \$1000 from the late Wm. P. Cune, which they had invested at a rate of five per cent.

The trustees reported that all bills had been paid, and that a small balance remained. The old board of officers was re-elected, as follows: Clerk, L. D. Greene; trustees, Geo. C. Averill, S. W. Kimball, L. F. Adams, Geo. H. Clapp, E. D. Whitney, and Geo. H. Thompson. The article in relation to the musical committee was dismissed. The matter of expenditures for the coming year was left with the trustees, the only direction being that they should not exceed the budget. A vote of thanks was extended to the volunteer choir and to the usher. A resolution was passed, recognizing the handsome gift by the late Mr. Cune, the income of which is to be given each year to the Sunday school. At a later meeting the trustees decided to engage the ladies' quartet, with Mr. Leisinger as organist, for the coming year.

Mrs. L. J. Haskins has sold her valuable St. Bernard dog to a woman in Colorado. The Vermont Loan and Trust company display a large new sign on Crosby block.

P. M. Baker's store has been improved by painting and general renovation.

A dressing of gravel has been placed over the clay on the road near Col. Fuller's house.

The Garfield edition of Ben Hur is the leading holiday book. Clapp & Jones have it.

It is suggested that the money due the certificate holders in the Rising Sun order has settled behind the setting sun.

The literary meeting of the Epworth league was held last evening with Fred Barber on Cedar street, an entertaining program being given, with several interesting papers.

Hardware, a trade publication, states that Carruth & Co. are to open a store at Brattleboro, but the announcement is evidently a mistake. Such a firm is located at Orange, Mass.

About 50 men were at work last Sunday painting in heavy snow from a point below the railroad yard to the Broad Brook bridge. Some of the men came from as far down the line as Palmer.

Leroy Barber, while at work at F. M. Walter's mill on the Brook road last Friday, had one finger severed from his left hand and another badly mangled by contact with a moving belt.

Rev. F. J. Fane gave an interesting lecture on Pompeii before the members of the Wheel club at their rooms last evening. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views by Mr. F. Childs, showing what has been brought to light in this ancient city.

Music lovers are anticipating an evening of good music at the meeting of the concert to be given by Reeves' American band as announced last week. The Boston Journal says "it is the universal expression that the band is by all odds the best in New England."

The Chase-Rutledge case, mentioned last week was continued through Saturday. Mr. Chase was awarded \$1,000 damages. Three of the corners of the lot were established as Mr. Chase claimed, but the other corner was set back two feet and four inches, thus cutting off a small triangular piece of the lot.

The Springfield Republican records the suit in the Hampden county court of H. O. Colledge of Brattleboro against James W. Shanks of Palmer for \$1000. This suit is brought to recover the value of a note and for money due on a real estate transaction.

If the weather of the past week continues it will be in order to look Brattleboro as a winter resort. On Monday a higher degree of temperature was recorded here than in many places in the southern states, and on Tuesday the same temperature was recorded as in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Combs is now getting his cigar box made and will deliver his lecture on Eliot street. Emma Tooley, an expert bob maker, comes here from Shelburne Falls to work for him. Mr. and Mrs. Combs are at present boarding at Mrs. Doolittle's on Western avenue.

The John S. Tyler camp Sons of Veterans, formerly of New York, are coming here: Captain, Clarence D. Carpenter; first lieutenant, Charles E. Downer; second lieutenant, George M. Clay; company council, first, Arthur I. Howe; second, W. C. Bailey; third, George Miller; George M. Clay, alternate.

The 3:15 P. M. train over the New London road, G. L. Spafford conductor and F. J. Leach engineer, is making some fast time lately. The run from South Vernon to Brattleboro, with one stop, is made often in 45 minutes, and the run from Palmer, 50 miles, making 13 stops, in 130 minutes.

A. J. Maxham has returned to Brattleboro and with his niece, Miss Colton, the whistler, will give concerts at Bellows Falls on Monday evening, Putney on Tuesday evening and Westminster on Wednesday evening. These concerts have attracted much attention in different parts of Vermont and New Hampshire.

The Baptist turkey supper and Christmas sale last evening was a successful affair. The farcical sleeping car scene was presented after supper. The total receipts were about \$175. The amount received for the turkey supper was \$100. The amount for the Christmas sale was \$75. An especially pleasing number was a violin solo by Grace Eels, with piano accompaniment by her sister, Kittie.

The Baptist Sunday school began its holiday work last Sunday, when large bags, filled with games, books, clothing, etc., were brought in by the members of the school, to be sent to a mission school in the South. The result was quite a formidable pile of paper bags about the size of a football, and the children were later in the week to help make a happy Christmas for pupils in another school.

Of the many new advertisements in this issue of The Phoenix none is more conspicuous or attractive than that of the Youth's Companion, which appears on the third page of the paper. And the most attractive of all is the advertisement of the program which it gives for the coming year of that remarkably successful paper.

To read the Youth's Companion for a year is to lay the foundation for a liberal education, and at the same time to reap what you sow. It is the best of the best kind of pleasure and entertainment.

The Boston papers have reports of a prospective overturn in the affairs of the Traders' national bank, of which W. A. Faulkner is the president, and under whom it has done a growing and successful business. The first reports were that J. W. Work, cashier of the bank, was to be removed. He had been president of the bank, had been chosen vice president, that in due time A. P. Potter, the Maverick president, was to become president of the bank, and that the bank was to be removed to the Maverick quarters. On the other hand, it was reported that the bank was to be reorganized, and that a majority interest in the Traders' bank had been bought by parties who wish to control its affairs.

The Pioneer Press of St. Paul, Minn., is now printing in full the series of Sunday morning sermons which Rev. S. M. Crothers, formerly of Brattleboro, is preaching to his St. Paul church. An issue just at hand contains a sermon on "What we owe to Calvinism." The Pioneer Press says editorially that these sermons are attracting wide attention and that:

"Mr. Crothers is a man whose gifts have not escaped notice or failed of appreciation. His discourses are full of scholarship, research and eloquence. He is a man of high intellectual caliber, and his work in the intellectual centers of the east."

The Press also states that Mr. Crothers has recently declined a very flattering offer from a leading church in New York city.

I Am an Old Man.

I had 70 years of age next June, and for the last six years have suffered from general debility and old age. At times I could not get out of bed without help. I commenced to take Sulphur Bitters. In a week I felt stronger and got a mighty big appetite. I still continued their use, and today I walk and feel like a new man. I feel tired, I haven't done in five years before. Sulphur Bitters is a right smart medicine.—George Brown, Keokuk, Ia.

MARY HOWE'S MARRIAGE.

A Genuine Surprise for Her Brattleboro Friends.

A very quiet wedding which will, without doubt, create considerable stir in musical circles, occurred last Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill, No. 74, Hill street, Brattleboro. The bride was the beautiful Miss Mary Howe, the well-known concert and operatic singer, of Andover, Mass., and the groom, Mr. William J. Lavin of New York, equally well known to the musical public. Miss Howe arrived in Brattleboro on Saturday, November 21, and on the evening of the same day they were married by Rev. Dr. H. H. Merrill. On Monday morning the bride and groom left for New York by the morning train. The only witnesses of the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Merrill. So carefully was the secret kept that even Mrs. Merrill's mother, an old maid, did not know of the wedding. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lavin are musical and professional musicians, and both sides the Atlantic.

The above paragraph, copied from the Cleveland, Ohio, Leader of last Sunday, gives the essential facts of an event of local interest, which created no little surprise when first it became publicly known last Sunday. Briefly told, the story is that Miss Howe sang in Cleveland on the night before Thanksgiving. She and her brother, Mr. Lucien Howe, were the guests while in the city of their cousin, Mrs. Merrill. They then spent the night at the Merrill's on Thursday, and then Mr. Howe left to make certain business arrangements on his way home, where he arrived by the early train on Sunday morning, Nov. 25. Mr. Lavin appeared at Cleveland on Monday and the wedding took place on that day, as above described, the minister of the Congregational church, which the Merrills attend, officiating. Whether the wedding was a sudden "inspiration," or whether Cupid had carefully prearranged his plans, dependent on fate, in any case the secret was well kept, and the announcement was a surprise to Miss Howe's family and all her Brattleboro friends when it reached here in a letter from the bride's own hand on Friday night. Mr. and Mrs. Lavin came to Brattleboro on Saturday, and remained until Tuesday, when Mrs. Lavin left to fill concert engagements at Greenfield, Northampton and Meriden. On the same day Mr. Lavin left to sing at Hamilton, Ontario.

Since the groom has now been fully established as a married man, it is interesting to know that he was born in Detroit 27 years ago, and grew up in that city, finding employment as a book-keeper. Always interested in music, he began to feel, at the age of 18 or 19, that a professional career lay before him, and took up the regular study of vocal music. After a time he went abroad, where he studied a year and a half in Italy under Signor Vandermant, a famous teacher at Florence. This was at about the time that Miss Howe was singing in Cleveland.

Mr. Lavin met at the Worcester festival three years ago, where they both made their American debut. They did not again meet until last December. They sang together at Indianapolis last May, and it was there, while on tour at the home of Miss Howe's sister, Mrs. Holloway, that their engagement took place. Mr. Lavin is rapidly attaining rank as one of the best tenors of the country and he now holds a leading position in New York city as tenor in the famous choir of All Souls church, which is the church of the late Rev. Dr. H. W. Bellows. Mr. Lavin is a young man of excellent character. He undoubtedly has a bright future before him and it is superfluous to say that the entire Brattleboro community has good wishes and good will to him, as they always must, and will to his charming wife, Mrs. Lavin is 24 years old, and the story of her musical career is too familiar to need repetition in Brattleboro.

It is interesting to be the purpose of Mr. and Mrs. Lavin, after completing the engagements of the present season, to go abroad to study for the operatic stage, and in due time to debut in London and on the continent.